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PATENT

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Applicant: HIROSHI KANAZAWA ET AL.

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Title: VEHICULAR ALTERNATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

August 30, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior
to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: (A copy of a marked
up version with markings to show changes made is attached
hereto.)

6. (Amended) A vehicular alternator according to Claim
1, wherein each of said plurality of claws has a magnet
holding portion for holding said permanent magnet.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381KA/50358).

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

6. (Amended) A vehicular alternator according to [any one of Claims 1 to 5,] Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of claws has a magnet holding portion for holding said permanent magnet.

9. (Amended) A vehicular alternator according to [any one of Claims 1 to 8,] Claim 1, wherein a protective member is disposed at least on the outer side of said permanent magnet in the radial direction of said rotor.